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In re Application of	:	
ENGLEHARDT, Helmut et al.	:	
Application No.: 10/532,780	:	DECISION ON
PCT No.: PCT/EP03/11344	:	
Int. Filing Date: 14 October 2003	:	PETITION
Priority Date: 24 October 2002	:	
Attorney Docket No.: 188.575	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
For: DRAG LEVER OF A VALVE	:	
MECHANISM IN AN INTERNAL	:	
COMBUSTION ENGINE	:	

This is a decision on applicants' "Petition Under Rule 47(a)," filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 12 August 2005.

#### **BACKGROUND**

On 14 October 2003, applicants filed international application PCT/EP03/11344, which claimed a priority date of 24 October 2002. A copy of the international application was transmitted to the Office on 06 May 2004. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 24 April 2005.

On 22 April 2005, applicants filed a submission for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the U.S. Basic National Fee.

On 12 August 2005, applicants submitted a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, a declaration of inventorship and a supporting declaration.

#### **DISCUSSION**

A petition under 37 CFR 1.47 must be accompanied by: (1) the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h), (2) proof of pertinent facts, namely that the inventor refuses to sign after being presented with the application papers or cannot be reached after diligent effort, (3) a statement of the last known address of the inventor, and (4) an oath or declaration by the 37 CFR 1.47(a) applicant on behalf of himself or herself and the non-signing applicant.

Items (1), (3), and (4) have been satisfied. The balance of the \$200 petition fee will be charged to deposit account no. 02-2275, as authorized. Applicants list Jörg Michel's address as Unterleupoldsberg 4, 95131 Schwarzenbach am Wald, Germany. The declaration complies with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) and 37 CFR 1.47(a).

Item (2) has not been satisfied. Applicants have not furnished evidence of receipt of the complete copy of the application papers, including the declaration, by the non-signing inventor. A return

mail receipt or a declaration from someone who spoke with the inventor confirming the receipt or other supporting documentation or other evidence supporting applicants' allegation of refusal to join after presentation with a complete copy of the application papers should be included. MPEP 409.03(d).

**CONCLUSION**

For the above reasons, applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.

If reconsideration on the merits of this petition is desired, a proper response must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Failure to timely file the proper response will result in abandonment of this application. Any reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)." No additional petition fee is required.

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to the Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.

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